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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL IN L'ESSOR NOV. 3
EDITION ENTITLED "A PROPOS OF THE TRIPLE VETO AGAINST THE
EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA".

BEGIN TEXT.

THE EXPLANATION GIVEN SATISFIES NEITHER THE HEART NOR
THE SPIRIT. THE TRIPLE AMERICAN-FRENCH-BRITISH VETO WHICH
WAS PRESENTED AS A COMMON OR SOLITARITY VETO AGAINST THE
EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE U.N., ESTABLISHES A
PRECEDENT EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THAT WHICH WAS TRYING TO
BE AVOIDED. THE ARGUMENTS THAT THE THREE WESTERN POWERS
SITTING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DID NOT WANT TO DEFEND
THE RACIST REGIME OF PRETORIA BUT RATHER WANTED TO
ENSURE THAT NO COUNTRY BE DEPRIVED OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AT
THE U.N. IF IT REBELLED AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF ITS
PEERS - SUCH ARGUMENTS ARE NOT TRUE. EVERYONE HAS
UNDERSTOOD THE BASIC QUESTION, AND ABOVE ALL, THE THIRD
WORLD, BECAUSE THOSE WHO STILL WISH TO REGARD THE WORLD
THROUGH OPERA GLASSES DID NOT WANT ITS NUMERICAL POWER IN
THE U.N. AND THE GOOD REASON OF ITS VOET TO CONFLICT WITH
THEM. ONE HAS UNDERSTOOD THE BASIC QUESTION, FOR WHICH
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NO SPECIAL PLEA IS NECESSARY, AND THAT IS THAT SOUTH

AFRICA REPRESENTS FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES ONE OF THE PILLARS OF THE SO-CALLED "FREE" WORLD.

WHERE ARE THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE U.N. WAS FOUNDED? PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, FRATERNITY, HUMANISM? PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY?

EACH NEW DAY SHOWS THAT THE ANTIQUATED PRECEPTS THAT FAVORED THE HEGEMONY OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND THE SUPREMACY OF CERTAIN MEN, PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE TWICE CARRIED HUMANITY TO THE EDGE OF DESTRUCTION, ARE STILL STRONG. THOSE WHO HAVE CANONS AND BAYONETTES WANT THAT THOSE WHO HAVE INVENTED NOTHING SIT BY THEIR SIDE BUT WITH THE EXPRESS CONDITION OF EMITTING NO JUDGEMENT, OF UTTERING NO WORD OUT OF PLACE, OF MAKING NO MISTAKEN GESTURE.

THE TRIPLE OR COMMON VETO, ITS NAME MATTERS LITTLE, WAS SOMETHING FORESEEABLE AND FORESEEN. IT OCCURS AT A MOMENT WHEN THE TIES OF HUMAN AND MORAL FORCES WEIGH HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF THE THIRD WORLD AND ONE CAN SAY THAT IT CONSTITUTES, PARADOXICALLY, A VICTORY FOR THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THEIR ALLIES. IN EFFECT, ALL THE MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON APARTHEID, AND THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KNOW THEIR TRUE FRIENDS AND THOSE WHO ARE FRIENDS IN WORD ONLY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS, SOUTH AFRICA WAS PRESENTED AS A PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT IN ORDER THAT IT BE ALLOWED TIME TO CORRECT ITS POLICIES. THE PRESENT VETO HAS TEMPORARILY SAVED SOUTH AFRICA, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT PUTS HER IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO CHANGE BECAUSE EVEN THE VETOES HAVE A LIMIT. IN FACT, THE AFRICAN GROUP, WITH THE HELP OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES, THOSE OF THE THIRD WORLD, AND THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CONTINUES ITS STRUGGLE IN SOLIDARITY AMONG A COMMON FRONT WHICH INCLUDES THE NON-ALIGNED ARAB, ASIAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST THE CRIMINAL APARTHEID AND RACISM. THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE ASSURED, IN THE MEDIUM TERM, THAT THE TRUTH AND THE SENSE OF HISTORY WILL PREVAIL EVEN AMONG THOSE WHO WANT AT ANY COST TO KEEP PRETORIA SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GREATER NUMBER WHO HAVE REJECTED HER. AND THEN THE HOPE WHICH WAS BORN IN 1972, DECREED BY THE U.N. THEMSELVES, INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF STRUGGLE

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AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACISM, WILL BECOME THE REALITY OF A JUST AND FRATERNAL WORLD. END OF TEXT.
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